

WILLIAM MIDDLETON LAND SALES

FIRST SALE
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Peter Middleton had proposed a land sale in 1866, however this did not materialise with Peter dying 3 June 1866. The first main auction of lands was held by his son William in 1867.

Bradford Observer, 9 May 1867

Valuable Freehold Villa and other building sites and building properties at Ilkley in the County of York. Messrs Hardwick, Best & Young will offer for sale by auction, at the Crescent Hotel, Ilkley on Wednesday, the 5th day of June 1867, at three o'clock in the afternoon precisely, subject to conditions and in the following or such other lots as may be determined upon at the time of sale:

Lithographed plans and further information respecting the property may be obtained on application to the auctioneers, at their offices in Leeds or Bradford; Messrs Smith & Gotthardt, Land Agents &c., Bradford and at the offices of Thomas Constable, Esq., Solicitor, Otley and Messrs Rogers, Jull & Rogers, solicitors, 40 Jermyn Street, St James', London.

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*Lots 20 to 28, lying contiguous to the Ilkley Wells Establishment grounds, occupy elevated positions and present exceedingly eligible sites for **villa residences** commanding extended views of the Valley of the Wharfe westward, to the far-famed domains of Bolton, and north and eastwards, to the beautifully wooded parks of Myddelton, Denton and Weston.*

Congregational Church on The Grove

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*Lots 29 to 37 being in a central position and adjoining the railway station, offer eligible sites for **builders' premises, workmen's cottages &c &c.***

Nos. 1-25 (Nos.1 & 3 later knocked down) | Nos. 27-39 | Nos. 28-38 | No. 2 Wellington Road | 6 Little Lane

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*Lots 38 to 44 adjoin the Craigland Grounds and Ilkley Moors, and present very eligible sites for **Villa residences**, commanding views of Ben Rhydding, Denton, Weston eastwards and the valley of the Wharfe, Middleton Woods &c northwards.*

Additional Gardens for Craiglands | Tarn Villas | Rocklands / Heatherlands | Rockwood House

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GENERAL



Peter Middleton
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Peter Middleton (1785-1866 Lord of Ilkley Manor), due to his poor financial management had planned to put the whole of the manor up for auction in 1866, however he died the day after the sale was advertised.

William Middleton (1815-1885), his son and heir, employed Smith and Gotthardt to design a 'new town'. Over the next few years, he sold parts of the estate piecemeal essentially creating the structure of the Ilkley we see today.



William Middleton
(1815-1885)
© Sacred Heart Church Ilkley

Auction held at Crescent Hotel

28 of the 44 lots sold raising £9,135.

12 residential lots, 17-28, were withdrawn

2023

LOT 1 – Station Road

The Station Inn | Westrow Hairdressers | The Loafer Bakery

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Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

GREAT SALE OF BUILDING SITES IN ILKLEY.

An important sale of building sites suitable for work-shops, cottage dwellings, shops, and villa residences, in Ilkley, took place on Wednesday afternoon, at the Crescent Hotel. Mr William Middleton, is the owner of the property, which has been surveyed, and elaborate plans made of it by Smith & Gotthardt, Bradford. Messrs Hardwick, Best, & Young, were the auctioneers. The attendance was large, and for the earlier lots there was very keen competition. The lots were disposed of as follows:—

Lot 1. The plot of ground fronting to the Cow Pasture Road, together with the cottage or dwelling-house, out-buildings, and garden, as occupied by Thomas Shoesmith, and comprising an area of 560 square yards or thereabouts.—£520, Mr J. C. Batty.

Lot 2. The plot of ground fronting to Brook Street, with the shop and houses thereon, as occupied by Joseph Ickeringill, Grace Robinson, John Emsley, and William Lancaster, comprising an area of 330 square yards or thereabouts.—£430, Mr Jackson, Bradford.

Lot 3. The plot of ground fronting to Brook Street, with the butcher's shop, house, and other buildings thereon, as occupied by John Ramsden, Chas. Dobson, John Emsley, Wm. Lancaster, and their under-tenants, comprising an area of 397 square yards or thereabouts.—£615, Mr Butterfield, Bradford.

Lot 4. The plot of ground fronting to Brook Street, with the shop and other buildings thereon, as occupied by John Hudson, John Emsley, William Lancaster, and their under-tenants, comprising an area of 465 square yards or thereabouts.—£570, Mr Critchley.

Lot 5. The plot of ground fronting to Brook Street, with the saddler's and milliner's shops and dwelling-house thereon, as occupied by Charles Gill, Ellen Hauxworth, John Emsley, and William Lancaster, comprising an area of 655 square yards or thereabouts.—£1025, Mr Butterfield.

Lot 6. The corner plot of ground fronting to Brook Street and Church Street, with the butcher's shop, dwelling-houses, and other buildings thereon, as occupied by Benjamin Parratt, Elizabeth Beanland, Mary Speight, Ann Shoesmith, Ann Hudson, and their under-tenants, comprising an area of 670 square yards or thereabouts.—£920, Miss Elizabeth Beanlands.

Lot 7. The plot of land fronting to Church Street, with the grocer's shop, dwelling-house, and other buildings thereon, as occupied by William Lancaster and Elizabeth Watkinson, comprising an area of 260 square yards or thereabouts.—£570, Mr Watkinson.

Lot 8. The plot of ground fronting to Church Street, with the draper's shop and dwelling-house thereon, as occupied by John Smith and Elizabeth Watkinson, comprising an area of 230 square yards or thereabouts.—£505, Mr W. Lancaster.

Lot 9. The plot of ground adjoining to Wells Road, comprising an area of 600 square yards or thereabouts.—£245, Mr George Lister.

Lot 10. The plot of ground adjoining to Wells Road, comprising an area of 615 square yards or thereabouts.—£220, Miss R. Vickers.

Lot 11. The plot of ground adjoining to Wells Road, comprising an area of 600 square yards or thereabouts.—£175, Mr Thomas Robinson.

Lot 12. The plot of ground adjoining to Wells Road, comprising an area of 610 square yards or thereabouts.—£200, Mr Cadman.

Lot 13. The plot of ground adjoining to Wells Road, comprising an area of 1000 square yards or thereabouts.—£310, Mr Cadman.

Lot 14. The corner plot of ground fronting to Green Lane and to a new road to be called Riddings Road, comprising an area of 1168 square yards or thereabouts.—£230, Mr J. H. Wade.

Lot 15. The plot of ground fronting to Green Lane, comprising an area of 660 square yards or thereabouts.—£170, Mr J. H. Wade.

Lot 16. The plot of ground fronting to Green Lane, comprising an area of 657 square yards or thereabouts.—£145, Mr W. Dobson.

Lots 17 to 28 inclusive were not sold.

Lot 29. The corner plot of ground fronting to Railway Road and to a new road to be called Wellington Road, comprising an area of 1280 square yards or thereabouts.—£215, Mr T. Robinson.

Lot 30. The plot of ground fronting to Wellington Road, comprising an area of 1176 square yards or thereabouts.—£145, Mr T. Robinson.

Lot 31. The plot of ground fronting to Wellington Road, comprising an area of 1130 square yards or thereabouts.—£125, Mr W. Dobson.

Lot 32. Not sold.

Lot 33. The corner plot of ground fronting to Little Lane and to Wellington Road, comprising an area of 1205 square yards or thereabouts.—£145, Mr E. Stephenson.

Lots 34 to 36. Not sold.

Lot 37. The plot of ground fronting to Wellington Road, comprising an area of 1023 square yards or thereabouts.—£115, Mr W. Hartley.

Lot 38. The corner plot of ground fronting Cow Pasture Road, and to an intended new road, to be called Craiglands Road, comprising an area of 2105 square yards or thereabouts.—£265, Mr J. Dobson.

Lot 39. The plot of ground fronting Craiglands Road, comprising an area of 1380 square yards or thereabouts.—£185, Mr J. Dobson.

Lot 40. The plot of ground fronting Craiglands Road, comprising an area of 1720 square yards or thereabouts.—£230, Mr J. Dobson.

Lot 41. The plot of ground fronting Craiglands Road, comprising an area of 1327 square yards or thereabouts.—£200, Mr Clapham, Royal Park, Leeds.

Lot 42. The plot of ground fronting Cow Pasture Road and Craiglands Road, comprising an area of 2020 square yards or thereabouts.—£250, Mr Clapham, Royal Park, Leeds.

Lot 43. The plot of ground fronting Cow Pasture Road, comprising an area of 1345 square yards or thereabouts.—£205, Mr T. Robinson.

Lot 44. The plot of ground fronting Cow Pasture Road, comprising an area of 1425 square yards or thereabouts.—£205, Mr Thomas Lister.

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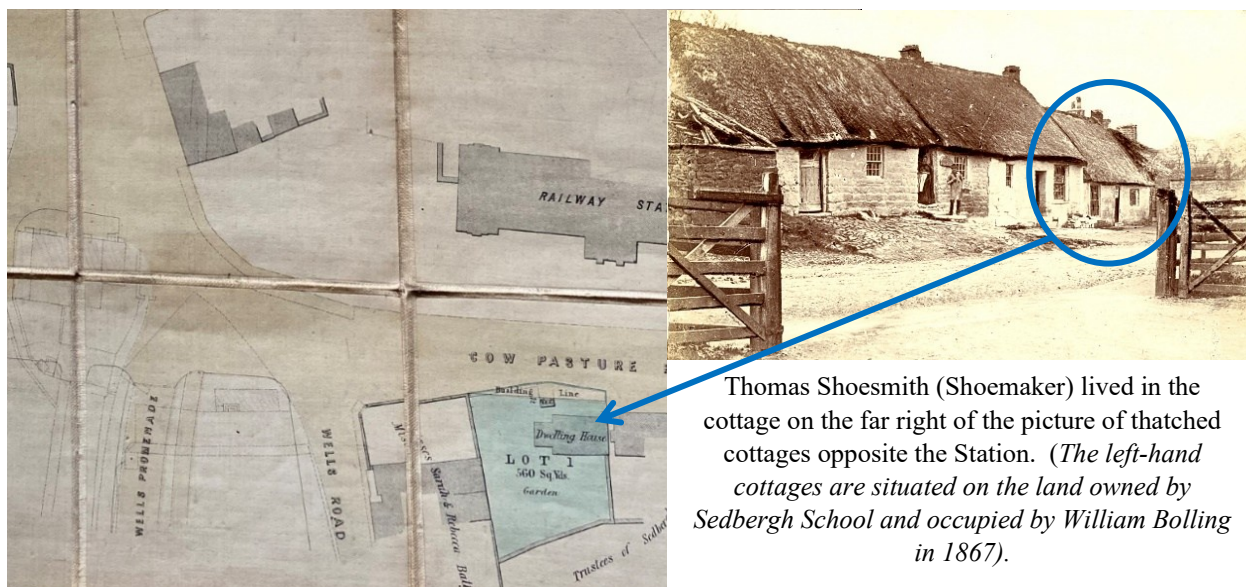
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LOT I

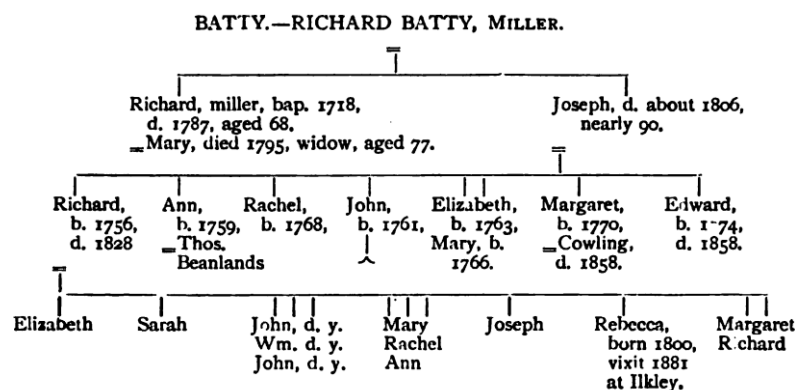
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SOLD (£520¹) to John Christopherson Batty, Ilkley Chemist and Druggist², who subsequently sold it to Rebecca Batty³ in 1868. Rebecca Batty was a daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Batty, a family referenced in Collyer and Turner's Ilkley: Ancient and Modern⁴.



¹ Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

² Conveyance 18 December 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol 609 Page 91 Number 112)

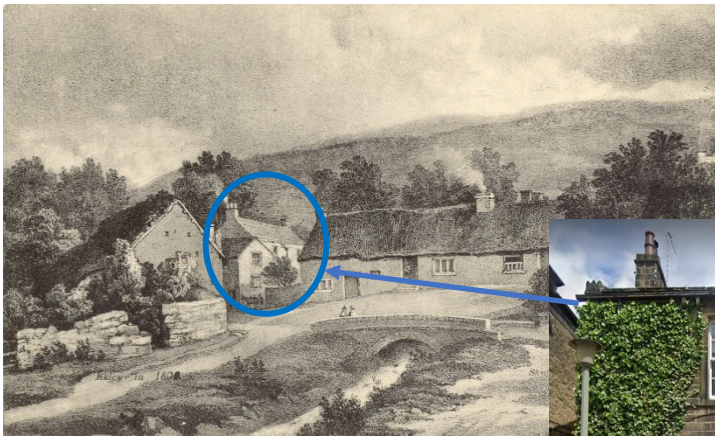
³ Conveyance 5 March 1868 (WYA – 1868 Vol 603 Page 449 Number 549)

⁴ <https://archive.org/details/ilkleyancientmo00collgoog/mode/2up>

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John C Batty, was probably Rebecca Batty's son. John Christopherson Batty was baptised privately at Ilkley Parish Church 1 May 1870, the baptism records he was the son of Rebecca Batty, a single woman. In the 1861 census John C Batty is, living with his Wife Mary and two daughters Margaret (aged 2) and Sarah (aged 2mths) along with a servant Sarah Stancliff. His son Edward (aged 5) is living with his Aunts Rebecca (aged 61) and Sarah Batty (aged 71). Edward was probably in fact Rebecca Batty's grandson, which was not recognised formerly until the baptism in 1870.



Rebecca Batty and her older sister Sarah owned and occupied the plot of land west of Lot 1 – circled in blue, on the 1830 Lithograph by Rev. Thomas Kilby.

The building exists today and houses Fusion 3 and Waste Not Ilkley (previously Sylvia's Zips)



By 1871 John C Batty is clearly a successful Chemist in Ilkley with a live in Governess from Leeds for his 6 children, a Chemist Assistant, and a Servant. John C Batty died shortly afterwards on 27 September 1872.

Rebecca Batty had a replacement property built that today includes The Station Inn (formerly North View Hotel and owned by Rebecca til 1881 the year Rebecca died ⁵), Westrow Hairdressers (no. 3) and The Loafer Bakery (no. 4). By 1910⁶ The Station Hotel was owned by the Ilkley Brewery Company and nos. 3 and 4 by Annie Binns of Wells Road.



1875 New Map of Ilkley published by Shuttleworth for Sedbergh School shows the new properties on Lot 1, one building split into three.

(Cumbria Archive Centre (Kendal) – WDS 140/1/162)

⁵ All West Yorkshire, England, Alehouse Licences, 1771-1962 on Ancestry.co.uk

⁶ West Yorkshire, England, Tax Valuation, 1910 on Ancestry.co.uk

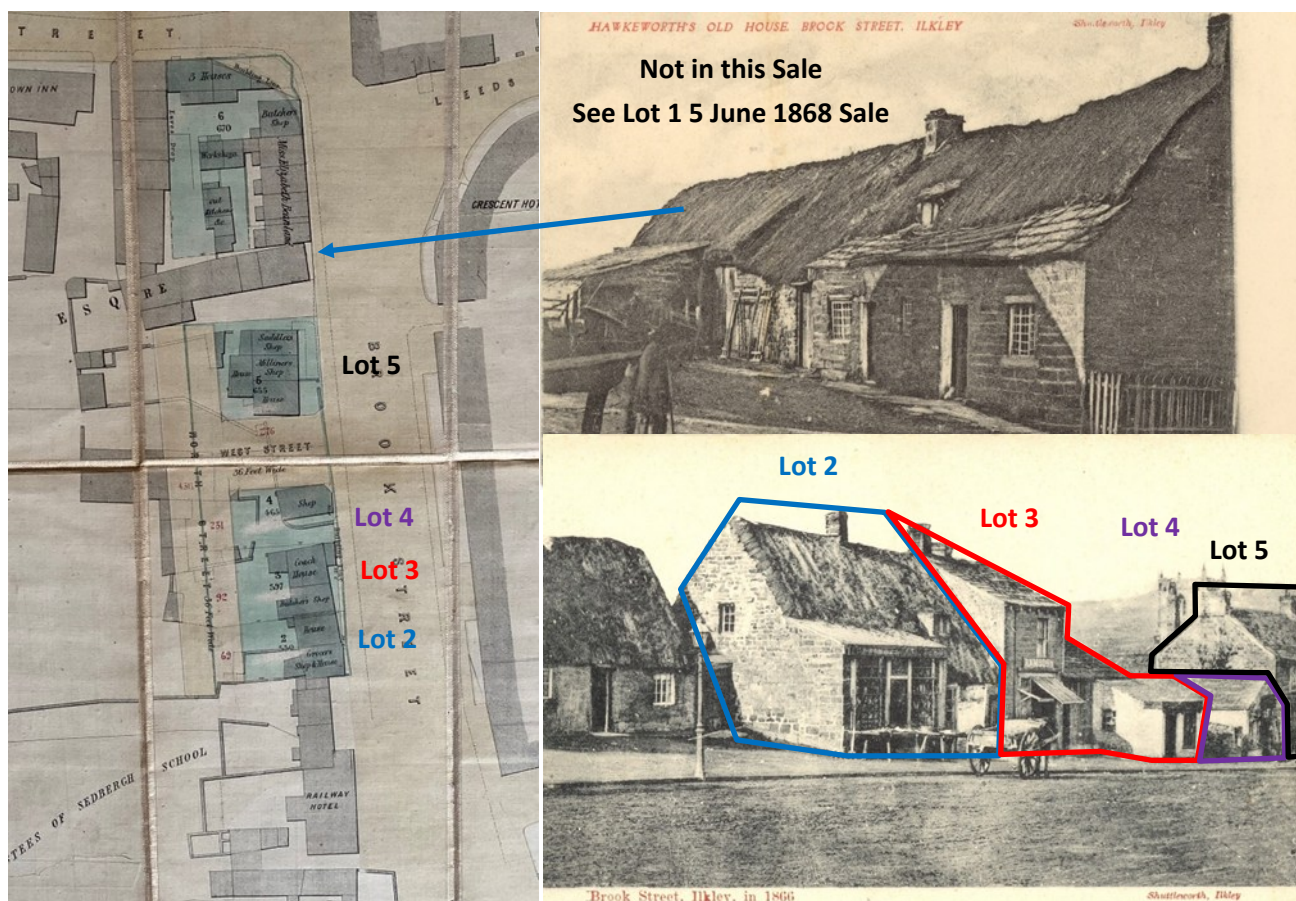
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Lot 2 The plot of ground fronting to Brook Street, together with the shop and houses thereon, as occupied by **Joseph Ickeringill, Grace Robinson, John Elmsley and William Lancaster**, comprising an area of 330 square yards or thereabouts.

SOLD (£430⁷) to Samuel Jackson, Architect and Thomas Adam Watson, Solicitor both of Bradford who upon completing purchase from William Middleton⁸ sold it immediately to one of the previous occupiers Joseph Ickeringill⁹.

What are today are no. 19 and 21 Brook Street were built on this plot. No. 19 Brook Street was James Keighley's fish and fruit dealer before Sunderland's – Fishmonger, Game Dealer & Fruiterer from

⁷ Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

⁸ Conveyance 3 October 1867. (WYA – 1867 Vol ZX Page 418 Number 498)

⁹ Conveyance 3 October 1867. (WYA – 1867 Vol ZX Page 440 Number 521)

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1887 and then from 1904 Hampshire's. In 1910 it was owned by Matthew Sunderland and occupied by Martha Hampshire. Today this is Holland and Barrett.



No. 21 Brook Street was occupied by Joseph Ickringill from 1877 to 1887, then by Miss Emma Brown (I believe this is Joseph's daughter) a Grocer and from 1889 Henry Ickringill operated a Grocer,

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Confectioner, and the Wharfedale Café until 1903. In 1910 it was in the hands of the Executors of Sarah Ickeringill, Skipton Road and occupied by Amy Maltas running the Wharfedale café. Today this is Martin House Hospice. The pictures shown later indicate Joseph built no. 21 Brook Street first and then demolished his original property before building no. 19.

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SOLD (£615¹⁰) to Benjamin Butterfield and William Butterfield, Cutlers of Bradford¹¹ along with **Lot 5**. By 1871 nos. 23, 25 and 27 Brook Street had been built on this plot.

No. 23 became William Benson's Sadler and the cycle dealer. In 1910 it was occupied by Thomas Henry Davies a Watch Maker and Jeweller. Today this is Phillip's Jewellers.

No. 25 was initially Tomlinson's stationers and then the Ilkley Bazaar run by David W Turner, Stationery & fancy repository before in 1889 the Lawsons owned and ran the shop as a Plumbers and gas fitters for nearly 100 years. Today it is Venus Nails.

No. 27 started as Thomas Pell's Hosiery and Draper. In 1910 it was still owned by Butterfield Brothers from Heather Bank, Greenfield Oldham, however Joseph Denton occupied it and ran a Hosier and Drapers. Recently it was the entrance to the Lloyds/TSB cash machine and now part of the Craghoppers & Regatta Outdoors shop and apartment development.

Lot 4 The plot of ground fronting to Brook Street, together with the shop and other buildings thereon, as occupied by **John Hudson, John Elmsley, William Lancaster** and their undertenants, comprising an area of 465 square yards or thereabouts.

SOLD (£570¹²) to Thomas James Critchley, Draper Ilkley¹³. Thomas built what is today 29 a and b Brook Street and until 1902, when he died, operated as a Draper and Silk Merchant. In 1910 it was owned by Halifax Joint Stock Company and occupied by Dominic McGuire continuing the Draper and Silk Merchant business. The buildings operated as Lloyds/TSB from 1927 until 2022 and are now converted to shops and apartments.

Thomas Critchley had influence over the building on Lots 2 and 3 as well. Looking at the architecture today, you see that the frontages are all very similar. His obituary¹⁴ noted his civic duties included membership on the Old Local Board, Ilkley School Board and Ilkley Tradesmen's Association. He was also a staunch churchman; helping establish the Ilkley Choral Union. Pastimes included being, a keen angler, one of the first cricketers and once unable to play took up bowls.

¹⁰ Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

¹¹ Conveyance 2 October 1867. (WYA – 1867 Vol ZX Page 417 Number 496)

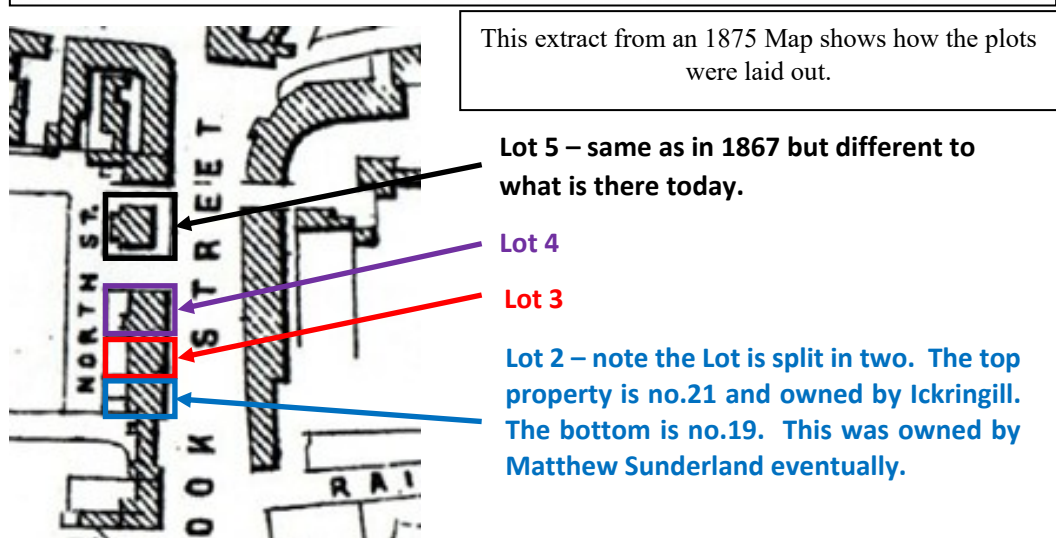
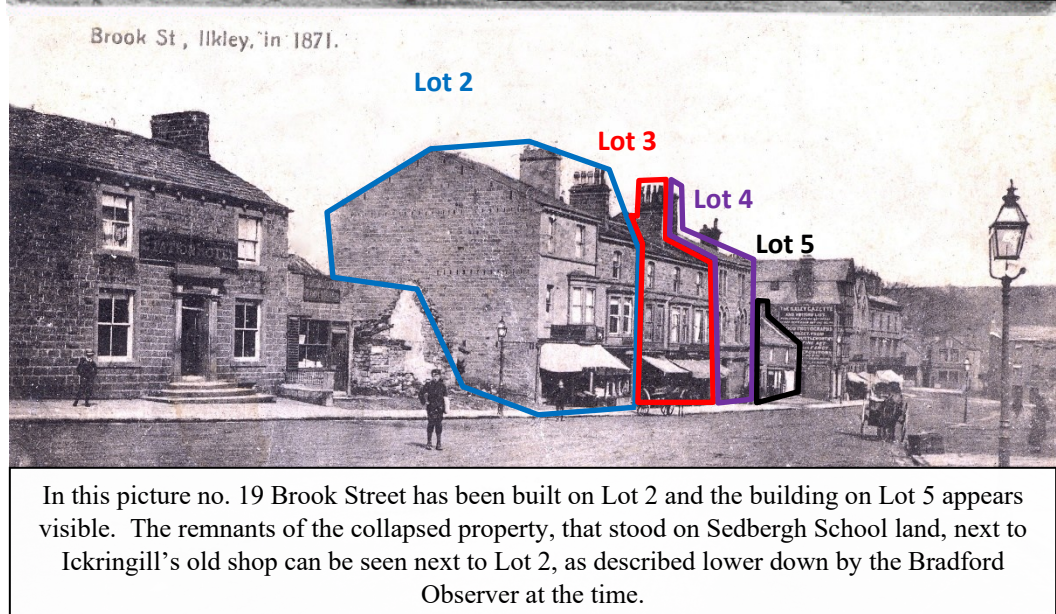
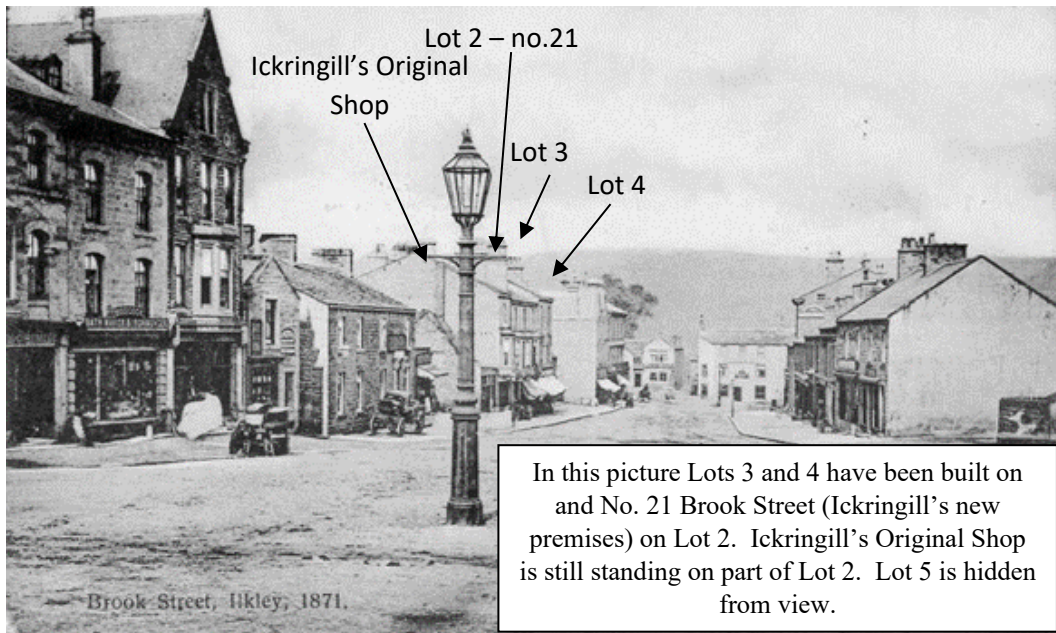
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¹³ Conveyance 2 October 1867. (WYA – 1867 Vol ZX Page 405 Number 480)

¹⁴ Wharfedale and Airedale Observer 19 September 1902

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How the Lots 2, 3, and 4 developed

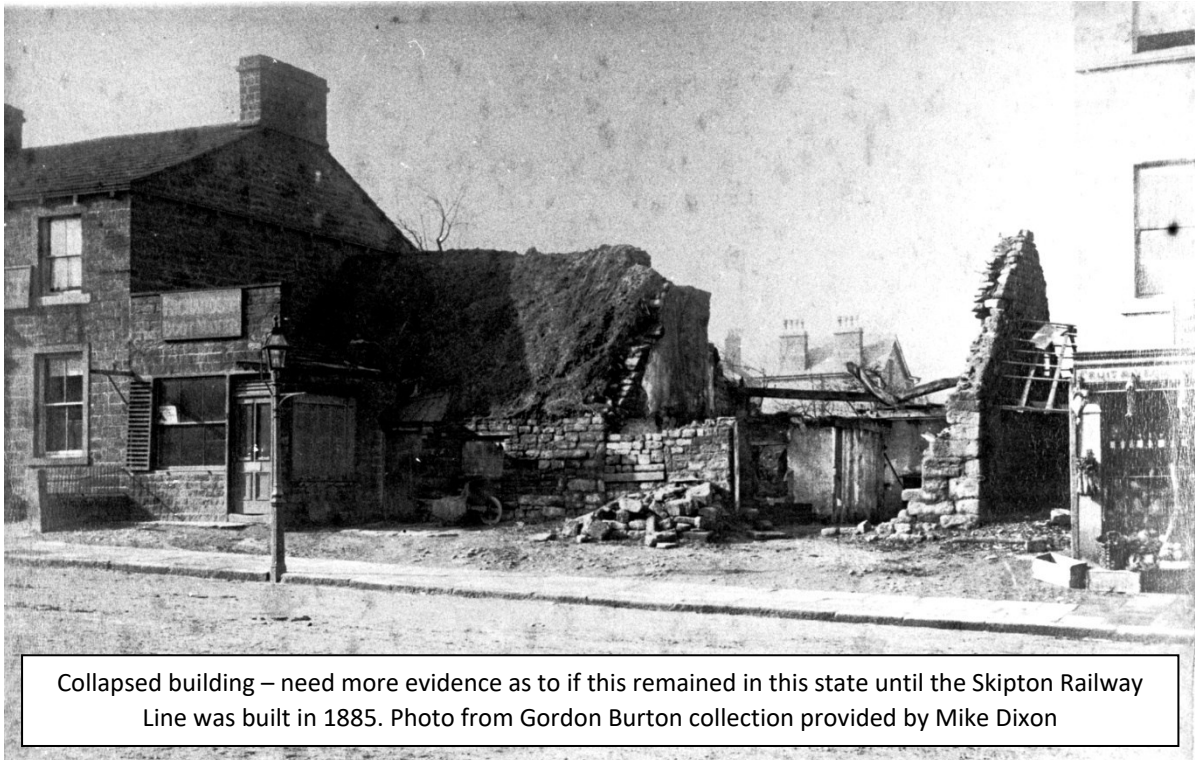


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Lot 5 The plot of ground fronting to Brook Street, together with the saddler's and milliner's shops and dwelling house thereon, as occupied by **Charles Gill, Ellen Hawksworth, John Elmsley and William Lancaster**, comprising an area of 655 square yards or thereabouts.

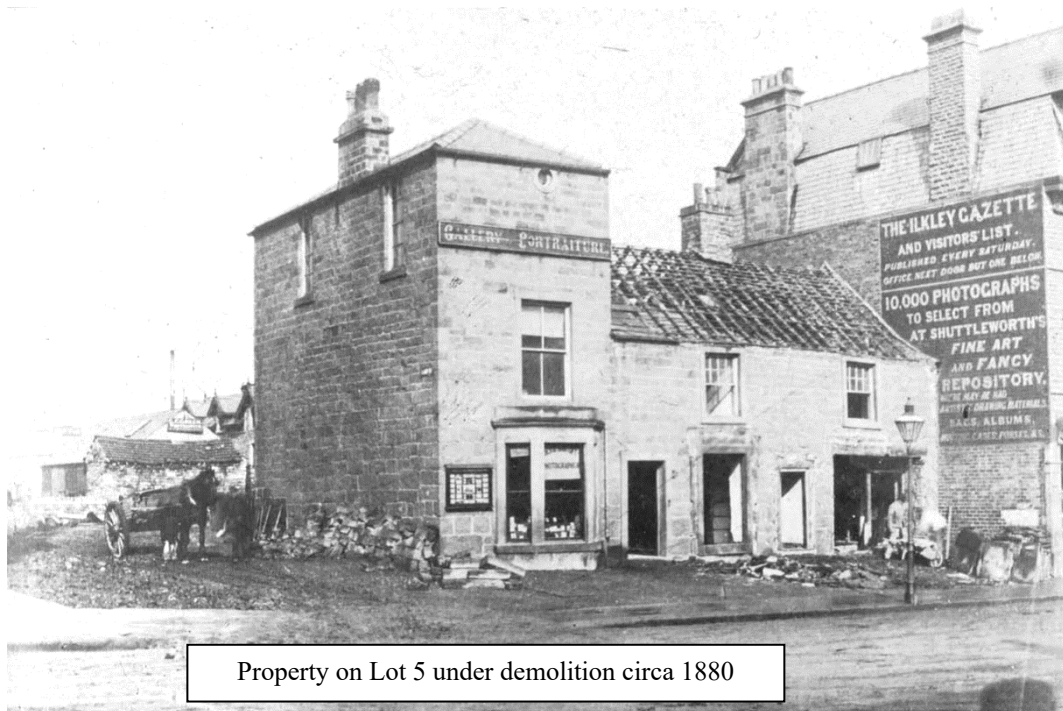
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SOLD (£1,025¹⁵) to Benjamin Butterfield and William Butterfield, Cutlers of Bradford¹⁶ along with **Lot 3**. The highest price paid for a Lot was the **£1,025** paid for **Lot 5¹⁷**.

The photo from 1871 above shows the end of Shuttleworth's building (no.39, built on Lot 1 from the 5 June 1868 Middleton Sale) and set back a smaller lower building which is not 31, 33, 35 as we know then today.

The 1867 sale plan indicates 3 properties on Lot 5. The 1880's demolition photo and subsequent census records indicate that these 1867 properties were not demolished until the late 1880's. In-between Shuttleworth (no. 39) and Critchley (no.29) in 1871 lived Ann Shoesmith (aged 67 Widow from Ilkley) and her dressmaker daughters, Teresa (aged 34) and Elizabeth (aged 30) also born in Ilkley along with Jane Robinson her 19-year-old granddaughter. The implication is that the end properties, the saddlers, and house were not occupied at the time of the census.



By 1881 next door to Shuttleworth (Right Hand Side of the Photo) was Eliza Walker's Grocers shop. Eliza was aged 38 from Bradford and was living with her daughter Annie (aged 7), son John (aged 4) with 2 servants Emma Noble (aged 22 from Brighouse) and William Clapham (aged 22, Grocer from Denton). The middle house is occupied by the dressmakers Ann and Teresa (daughter) Shoesmith and nieces Jane H Robinson and Mary Robinson (aged 11 scholar from Addingham). The left-hand side is occupied by Bennett Lowe (48 Photographer from Charnock Lancashire).

¹⁵ Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

¹⁶ Conveyance 2 October 1867. (WYA – 1867 Vol ZX Page 417 Number 496)

¹⁷ The Lords of Ilkley Manor: the Road to Ruin : the Middletons of Stockeld, 1763-1947 by David Carpenter

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The building under demolition in the late 1880's shows a Gallery Portraiture sitting on Lot 5. During the 1880's Jesse Bontoft (photographer) took over from Bennett Lowe. Mr. Bontoft came to Ilkley in about 1880/1 from Lincolnshire, where he had started working life as a footman. He first lived at 5 Tivoli Place until about 1899 with a studio on Brook Street before taking up residence at 13 Wells Road (today Vanilla Hairdressers) where he relocated his business. Jesse Bontoft died in 1925 at 13 Wells Road.



Lots 2-5 circa 1910 – Left Hand Side

In 1889 31-35 Brook Street was built and by 1910 these were owned by the Butterfield Brothers, who also owned no.27 - see Lot 3

Otley.
The annual Licensing Sessions for the Otley Petty Sessional Division was held at the Court-house, Otley, on Friday. Mr A. Fawkes presiding. The annual report showed that there are 143 license holders. During the year 207 persons had been convicted for offences. There were two new applications—one for a beer and wine license to be consumed on the premises of Mr W. A. Johnson, of Brook Street, Ilkley, confectioner; and one for a bagatelle table at the Bay Horse Inn, Ilkley, for Robert Ellwood. Both were granted, and the old licenses were renewed.

Bradford Weekly Telegraph 08 September 1888

C H R I S T M A S.
W. A. JOHNSON.
PASTRY COOK AND CONFECTIONER,
BROOK STREET, ILKLEY.
Has on hand a Superb Assortment of Goods suitable for the Festive Season, including
C H R I S T M A S C A K E S. 4568
GAME, PIGEON, PORK AND OTHER PIES
(One Ton of Cakes and Pies to Choose from),
CREED WHEAT for Frumenty,
COSAQUES (from the best makers) in great variety.
SULTANA CAKE, PLUM CAKE, SHED CAKE,
MADEIRA CAKE, LEMON CAKE, CITRON CAKE,
SAND CAKE, ORNAMENTAL CAKE, of all kinds.
Cadbury's and Fry's CHOCOLATE in great variety.
JOHNSON'S ILKLEY WELLS TOFFEE.
ICE PUDDINGS, ICE CREAMS, DESSERT ICES, AND
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Wharfedale & Airedale
Observer 14 December 1888

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The License at 31 Brook Street was taken on by William Andrew Johnson in 1888 (see Lot 7), and it continued as Johnson's Café until 1951, a name reused 2004, when nos. 31 and 33 were combined, until 2007. Today this is Picolinos.

33 Brook Street was initially occupied by George Brumfit as a house and estate agent, but almost immediately was taken on Mrs Elizabeth Joy who ran a fancy goods, and childrens and ladies wear shop into the early 1900's. In 1917 it became Joseph Denton's Chemists and remained a chemist premises until 2004 when it was merged with no. 31

35 Brook Street was taken on by the bootmaker Joseph Hebblewhite and remained Hebblewhite until the mid-1930's when it became a butcher's shop, firstly Stones, then Wood's, then Clayton's and today it is JB Wilkinson and Sons

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LOTS 6-8

Time Menswear (nos. 49-51 Brook Street/no. 1 Church Street) | Mrs Dutton,s Wonderous Workshop (no. 3) | Dr T J Buckingham Opticians (no. 5) | Eric Spencers (nos. 15-17) | Panache (nos. 19-21) Church Street



Lot 6 The corner plot of ground fronting to Brook Street and Church Street, together with the butcher's shop, dwelling houses and other buildings thereon, as occupied by **Benjamin Parratt, Elizabeth Beanland, Mary Speight, Ann Shoesmith, Ann Hudson** and their undertenants, comprising an area of 670 square yards or thereabouts.



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SOLD (£920¹⁸) to Elizabeth Beanlands, of Moor Lodge, Wells Road¹⁹. Miss Elizabeth Beanlands, related to the Beanlands that ran the grocery store where Costa Coffee now stands, had already purchased land and built what are today 41-47 Brook Street "*Brook Terrace*" in 1855. At this auction Elizabeth purchased the land behind and next to the terrace.



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The Butchers Shop within Lot 6 and adjoining Brook Terrace was Mr Elijah Parratt's. The Butchers Shop and the properties on which Lot 6 is written were demolished and Miss Elizabeth Beanlands had 49-51 Brook Street and 1-5 Church Street built.

These properties remained owned by Elizabeth's family

through her Great Niece Elizabeth Ann Sagar until her death in 1932. Today the properties are; 49-51 Brook Street and 1 Church Street Time Menswear, 3 Church Street Mrs Dutton,s Wonderous Workshop (previously for many years Duttons for Buttons) and 5 Church Street Dr T J Buckingham Opticians. The history of the shops in these properties follows:

1 Church Street / 49 Brook Street

1901	Elijah Parratt - Butcher
1904 – 1906	G H Charlesworth – Butcher
1909	Mrs H Gill – Fancy draper / Mr H Gill – Joiner
1911	Bertha Gill - Milliner
1912	Jane Eastwood – Fancy draper
1927	1936 Harold Dalby – Draper
1960 - 1990's	Addy's – Menswear (also at no.49 Brook St)
1997 – 2005	Time Menswear Signature Menswear
2007	Time - Menswear (also at no.49 Brook St)
2012 - now	Time & Time again (also at no.49 Brook St)

3 Church Street

1901 – 1912	Miss Sarah E Colburn – Confectioner ?? Cafe
1917	Thomas D Overing – Confectioner ?? Cafe
1922	Mrs Hilda Mary Kemp – Confectioner?? Cafe
1927 – 1950's	Misses Kemp – Confectioners / Bakery ?? Cafe
1980 – 2019	Dutton's for Buttons – Haberdashery
2021 - now	Mrs Dutton's Wondrous Workshop

¹⁸ Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

¹⁹ Conveyance 2 October 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol ZX Page 434 Number 517).

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5 Church Street

1897 – 1904	R C Appleby – Chemist
1908 – 1917	William Beveridge – Dispensing Chemist
1921 – 1957	Norman Swale - Dispensing Chemist
1981 – now	Dr T J Buckingham – Optician

Lot 7 The plot of land fronting to Church Street, together with the grocer's shop, dwelling house and other buildings thereon, as occupied by **William Lancaster and Elizabeth Watkinson**, comprising an area of 260 square yards or thereabouts.

SOLD (£570²⁰) to William Watkinson and Phineas Berry Tillotson, Refreshment House Keepers of Ilkley²¹.



Mr. Watkinson and Tillotson on the next day mortgaged the property to the brothers Gilbertson Darnbrook and Joseph Darnbrook the younger, farmers from Norwood, Otley²². In 1871 Gilbertson was aged 40 and lived at Brame Cottage, Clifton with Norwood and farmed 51 acres. He died in 1908 and is buried at Fewston Cemetery. Joseph Darnbrook in 1871 was a framer of 151 acres at 5 Esholt Hall Farm aged 46. Joseph died in 1891 and is also buried at Fewston.

William and Phineas were brother-in-laws. Phineas (born ~1840) married Mary Hannah Watkinson on 10 July 1865. William Watkinson, Mary's brother (per 1901 Census) was a witness.

William and Mary Hannah were the children of Samuel and Elizabeth Watkinson. Samuel a shoemaker/cordwainer from Harewood, born circa 1798, died in 1864 and it was Elizabeth, his wife who was an occupier of both Lots 7 and 8 prior to the auction. Elizabeth's maiden name was Hudson, the daughter of Stephen and Hannah Hudson. Her brother was Edward Hudson, who along with William Hudson, owned 16 Church Street in 1867 (what is today the Flying Duck Pub) across the road from Lots 7 and 8.

In the 1871 census next door to the Rose and Crown were 4 properties, occupied by a) Phineas Tillotson, stone mason with wife Mary and daughters Annie and Elizabeth. b) Elizabeth Watkinson, with her sons John Hartley Hudson Watkinson, shoemaker, George Watkinson, poulterer, William Watkinson, Grocer, a lodger John Sykes Watkinson, stone mason and servant William Johnson, a bread maker, c) Nicholas Lancaster farm labourer d) William Lancaster Farmer. The inference is that

²⁰ Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

²¹ Conveyance 2 October 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol ZX Page 406 Number 481).

²² Indenture 3 October 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol ZX Page 406 Number 482)

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possibly by 1871 since there were the same occupants as prior to the auction that no new building had been erected.

The purchase of Lot seems to trigger the start of a contracting partnership between William and Phineas. In the Middleton sale of July 1875, they purchased 2 lots on Richmond Place, and in 1876's auction Lot 3 on the Grove. However, in 1879 the Leeds Times reported that Watkinson and Tillotson, Ilkley masons had entered Liquidation by arrangement.

In 1881 Phineas Berry Tillotson is a Contractor and Mason living at 5 Bolton Bridge Road. In 1891 he is a Stonemason at Ashton Upon Ribble and died there in 1897. In the 1901 Census Mary is living in Preston with her brother William Watkinson. William died in 1911.

Today Lot 7 is 15-17 Church Street (pre circa 1910 they were numbered 11 and 13) and is now Eric Spencers.

No. 15 (old no. 11)

By 1873 no. 15 had a license for wine and sweet (Off) which was in the names of William and Phineas, however in 1875 the new license holder was William Andrew Johnson (the William Johnson who was the bread maker in 1871, living with the Watkinson's next door). In 1881 it is described as a grocer and Confectioner. William Andrew Johnson held the license there until 1889, by which time he had taken on in 1888 31 Brook Street (Johnsons Café), what is today Picolino's. – See Lot 5. Throughout this period the owners of the property were Watkinson and Tillotson.

In the 1891 census Annie Benson is resident as a manageress of a Confectioners Shop, with Elizabeth Crawshaw. From 1894-1901 Walter Hudson, painter and decorator is there. In 1901 it is listed in the census as a furniture shop lock up with no occupiers. Kellys 1904 directory lists Fred Hudson, Egg, cream, butter, & milk dealer at no.11

In 1906 Hugh Tetley Parkinson is recorded as registered to vote at no. 11 and by 1911 the number has changed to no. 15 and is Parkinson's Dairy and Café until about 1952. Everard Willoughby Parkinson is there in 1911, in 1921 Margaret and Hugh Tetley Parkinson (brother and sister) resident, with Hugh and his wife Mary there in 1939. Hugh died in 1948, and Mary in 1981 in her 90th year, both are buried in the family plot at Undercliffe Cemetery. Mary continues to be registered to vote at no.15 until 1952.

There is no registered voter until 1957 when Joyce L Stokoe is registered to vote there. The shop was called Jocelyns Hairdresser and remained as such until 1973.

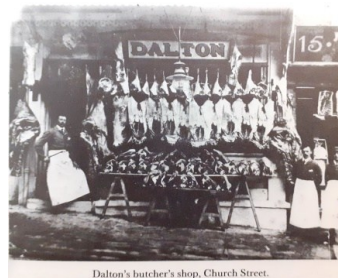
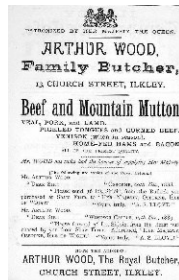
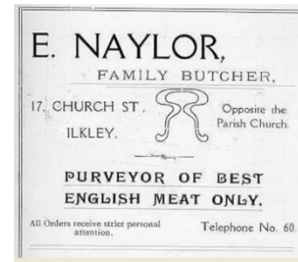
It was empty for a year before Eric Spencer bought it and knocked no.15 and no.17 together in 1974.

No. 17 (old no. 13)

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1881 – 1894 Arthur Wood – Butcher
1895 - 1912 Percy Dalton – Butcher
1917 - 1966 Edwin Naylor – Butcher (no.17)
1964 - 1970 E Naylor & Sons (Roland Naylor) – Butcher
1970 – 1971 The Kings New Clothes – ladies wear
1970 - now Eric Spencer 17 & 19 (& no.27 1992-2016)



Lot 8 The plot of ground fronting to Church Street together with the draper's shop and dwelling house thereon, as occupied by **John Smith and Elizabeth Watkinson**, comprising an area of 260 square yards.

SOLD (£505²³) to William Lancaster farmer and shopkeeper, Ilkley²⁴

In the 1871 census noted above the Lancaster's are resident at this property, which today is Panache. The photos of Woods and Daltons butchers' shops above include on the far-right hand side the premises of Mr Lancaster. The upstairs window matches the window in Panache today. The implication is that the property sold by Mr Middleton is the one that stands today.

The property that is today one unit was originally two, nos. 15 and 17 Church Street, which in around 1910 were renumbered 19 and 21. No. 21 seems to equate to the drapers mentioned in the Middleton sale details as 1901-4 Mrs Binns is a millner and draper at the premises with an Emily Wood as such in 1908-09. The property does indicate even today an entrance on the right-hand side.

Sometime in the early twentieth century no.21 was combined with no.19 and the history of the property then appears to reference no.19.

1861 - 1881 William Lancaster – Grocer (no.19 – old 15 only)
1887 - 1889 Elizabeth Lancaster – Grocer (no.19 – old 15 only)
1891 - 1901 Robert Thackray – Corn merchant & Grocer – (no. 15 in old photo of Daltons above)
1904 - 1922 William Tasker – Grocer (no.19-21)
1927 - 1930 Sidney Cameron – Grocer (19) in receivership 1930
1936 - 1954 James Edwards Binks – Grocer (no.19-21) died 1949

²³ Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

²⁴ Indenture dated 2 October 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol ZX Page 432 Number 516)

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1964	??	Dixon & Co. Wine & Spirits – 19 Church St
1970	??	Ashe & Nephew Ltd - 19 Church St – Dixon & Co. same
1976 - 1980		The Vineyard – Wine Food Bar
1981 - 1984		Sangsters Wine bar (19-21)
1991	??	Sous le Nez – Restaurant (19-21)
1997 - 2008		Balti Chef (no.19-21)
2010 - now		Panache (no.19-21)

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LOTS 9-13

*Lots 9 to 13 are laid out with a continuous line of frontage to an intended new road, to be made on the east side of Corn Mill Gill and present very eligible sites for **moderate sized residences**.*

Friends of Ham (no. 8) | Quinta Restaurant (no.10) | Denise Elliott Interiors (no.12) | Ilkley Café Company (nos. 14-16) Wells Road and Guardian Court (Wells Promenade)



1874 New Map of Ilkley published by Shuttleworth for Sedbergh School

Lot 9 The plot of ground adjoining to Wells Road, comprising an area of 600 square yards or thereabouts.

SOLD (£245²⁵) George Lister a farmer in Middleton²⁶

The 1874 map indicates that just a small, long thin property was built on Lot 9 immediately after purchase. Today Lot 9 has been developed and houses no. 8 Friends of Ham and no.10 Quinta Bar and Grill.

²⁵ Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

²⁶ Conveyance dated 2 October 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol ZX Page 435 Number 518).

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No. 8 Wells Road

1871 – 1889 John Heap (Professor of music)– Bookseller, stationer, musical instrument dealer, Piano tuner
1891 - 1901 John Watkinson – Confectioner & Grocer
1904 - 1909 George Dickinson – Confectioner & tobacconist
1927 Martha Eleanor Jackson (Mrs) Confectioner
1955 – 2015 Ilkley Gazette Office
2015 – now Friends of Ham

No. 10 Wells Road

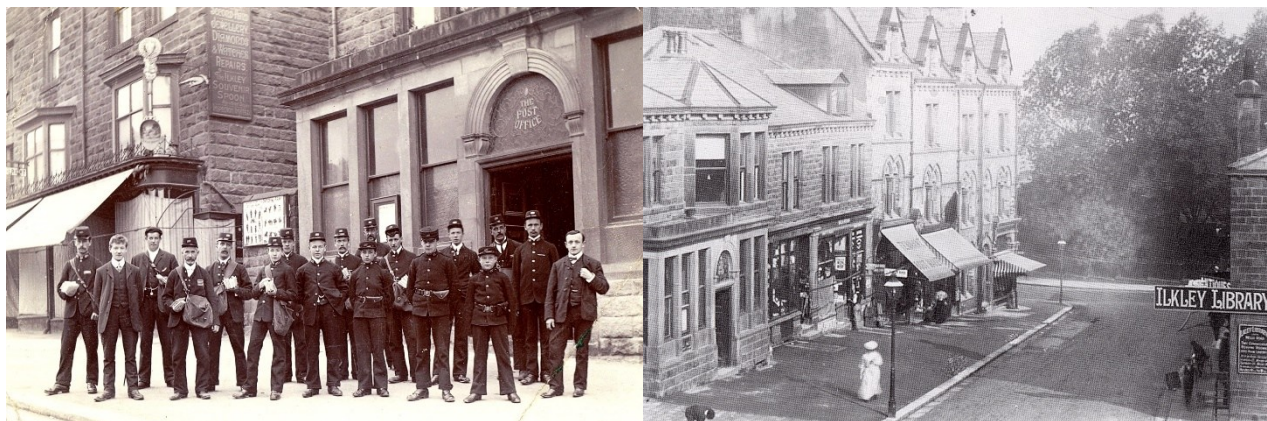
1881 - 1904 John Rhodes – Tinner & Ironmonger, plumber (1887 sold fireworks to a 10 year old)
1909 H Johnson – Tinner & Ironmonger
1915 – 1950 Albert Innes Ltd – Electrical Engineer. The Electric Shop
1959 – 1971 The Continental Café (BM Leach)
1984 - 2011 Po Sang, Chinese Restaurant
2015 - 2018 Quinta – Bar & Grill

Lot 10 The plot of ground adjoining to Wells Road, comprising an area of 615 square yards or thereabouts.

SOLD (£220²⁷) to Ann Vickers, Catherine Vickers, Elizabeth Vickers and Rebecca Vickers, spinsters of Ilkley²⁸.

The Vickers spinsters were the sisters of Richard Vickers the Postmaster. In 1871 the Vickers spinsters [(Ann (63), Catherine (58), Elizabeth (50) and Rebecca (47)] were retired confectioners. Ann died in 1872, Catherine 1876, Elizabeth 1892, and Rebecca in 1887.

This plot was used to build the Post Office no. 12 Wells Road and today is Denise Elliot. Richard Vickers the Postmaster died in 1872 and the burial record details he was the Postmaster since 1838.



²⁷ Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

²⁸ Conveyance dated 2 October 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol ZX Page 437 Number 519)

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Rebecca Vickers took over as the Postmistress and in 1881 is resident on Wells Road. In 1891 William Vickers, the son of Richard is now Postmaster resident here. William died in December 1894, having been Postmaster since 1884. This ended nearly 50 years of the family being Ilkley's Postmasters. The Postmaster changed regularly after then, William Russell Stanley (1897), Joseph H Marshall (1901) and Richard Allen Moffat (1904-08). In 1913 the Post Office services were moved to the new building on Chantry Drive.



The Vickers name remained associated with 12 Wells Road. In 1918 Thomas Rushworth Vickers (nephew of Richard Vickers the Postmaster) and Edith Vickers, his wife, were registered to vote from 12 Wells Road, although their family home was Claremont, 27 Parish Ghyll Road. In the 1921 Census the sisters Elizabeth Ormandy and Hilda Muriel Clara Vickers were living and operating a booksellers and stationers from 12 Wells Road along with their sister Mary Edith who was a shorthand typist for the North British and Mercantile Insurance company in Leeds. They were the daughters of Thomas Rushworth Vickers. T R Vickers had run bookseller, stationers, and newsagents for 50 years. Between 1887-97 at Wells Road and from 1898-1922 at 26 The Grove (Edinburgh House – 2024



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Clarendon Fine Art). He died at 12 Wells Road in 1933, although by then the living space was addressed as 12 Wells Promenade. The living space and shop clearly having been separated into 2 addresses at some point. The electoral and census records show that from 1921-61 Hilda and Mary continued to live at 12 Wells Promenade. In 1939 Mary is listed as a Shorthand Typist and Hilda as a Librarian and Ambulance driver. Their mother Edith M Vickers is also living with them and did so until her death in 1947.

The earlier photograph above shows the Ilkley Library as being opposite 12 Wells Road, in what is today (2024) is Saimah's Indian Restaurant. Later Hilda Vickers operated a lending library from The Grove at the rear of what is W H Smith's in 2024 (no. 24 The Grove).

Sometime after 1960 Hilda and Mary moved away. Hilda died in 1989 (Lancaster district) and Mary in 1979 (Derby district)

The 12 Wells Road shop was the Value & Service Shoe Repairing Co from about 1936-50. From 1969 Bernard F Wade Ltd. –Specialist Suppliers of Nuts, Bolts, Screws and Washers was based there. 1975-1984+ Inanda - Ladies fashion, Millinery & shoes and 2008-2011 Humbug – Children's clothing.

Today (2024) the upstairs which is where the Vickers' lived is the Olicana Bridge Club (with an entrance on and address 12 Wells Promenade) and the shop facing Wells Road since 2015 has been Denise Elliott Interiors.

Lot 11 The plot of ground adjoining to Wells Road, comprising an area of 600 square yards or thereabouts.

SOLD (£175²⁹) to Thomas Robinson, builder of Ilkley³⁰. Thomas also bought Lots 29,30 and 43 under this indenture.

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Thomas Robinson was the Cabinet Maker that invented the Ilkley Couch and the father of the sons who continued run the Invalid-Couch & Cabinetmakers, General House Furnishers, Carpet Warehousemen & Ironmongers business from Tower Buildings at the foot of Cowpasture Road, today Leconsfield House.

He also went on to own considerable property in Ilkley, all of which he designed, planned, and erected. At the time of this sale, he, and Mr M Hainsworth (Wells Terrace) were the Joint Highways surveyors and by 1868 had spent so much money £1,110 on improvements that they were removed from office by the older inhabitants who considered this excessive. However, in January 1869, when the Local Board was re-established, they were both appointed, and Mr Robinson continued on the board for many years. Aside from business Thomas was an Organ builder. He built 17 organs, one of which went to the

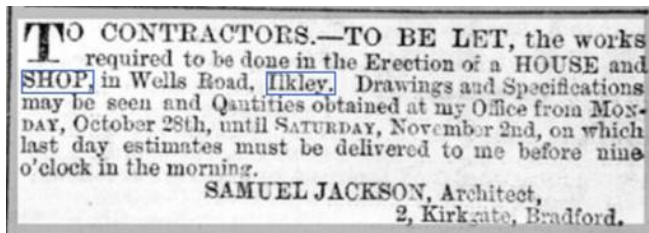
²⁹ Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

³⁰ Indenture dated 16 October 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol 605 Page 169 Number 204)

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West Indies and the last one he built was for Burnsall Church. The Robinsons lived at Hangingstones on Cowpasture Road.³¹



Bradford Observer 24 October 1867

14 and 16 Wells Road were built on this plot shortly after purchase. By 1887 R Brambles and later in 1889 C&M Brambles occupied at least no. 16 as Jewellers. By 1901 C A Broadhead had a Jewellers and Silversmiths in both 14 and 16.



The shops were separated later with amongst others no. 14 had Hartley's Music from 1939-50 and no. 16 Dobson and Robinson, leather goods from 1926-1955 until relocating to their current location on The Grove and Barry, Hairdresser 1959-1978. Today nos.14 and 16 are the Ilkley Café Company (previously Smooth).

Lot 12 The plot of ground adjoining to Wells Road, comprising an area of 610 square yards or thereabouts.

Lot 13 The plot of ground adjoining to Wells Road, comprising an area of 1000 square yards or thereabouts.

Lots 12 & 13 SOLD (£200 & £310³²) to William Cadman, Commercial Traveller of Ilkley³³. Later in 1867 **for the building of the Wesley Methodist Chapel on Wells Road** William Cadman³⁴ sold to; James Green (Bradford, Gentleman) of the Second part and Samuel Ackroyd (spinner and manufacturer), John Ashley (spinner), John Blackburn (accountant), David Brear (spinner), the said James Green, Angus Holden (machine woolcomber), Edward Holden (machine woolcomber), William Henry Townend (woolstapler) all of Bradford, James Barlow of Bolton (manufacturer), John Carson Buckley (cap manufacturer), John Ellis Burrows (woollen manufacturer), John Robert Hilch (leather manufacturer), William Somas Joy (oil merchant), Roger Riley (bootmaker), Johann Christian

³¹ Ilkley Gazette and Wharfedale Advertiser January 10, 1891

³² Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

³³ Indenture dated 16 October 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol 607 Page 293 Number 273)

³⁴ Indenture dated 30 December 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol 607 Page 293 Number 274)

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William Cadman was one of the ten new Charity Commission appointed trustees to the Wesley Chapel on the Corner of Skipton Road and Bolton Bridge Road (now Wheelbase) in 1866, when the committee was in the process of looking for a site for a new chapel, the congregation having outgrown the old one.



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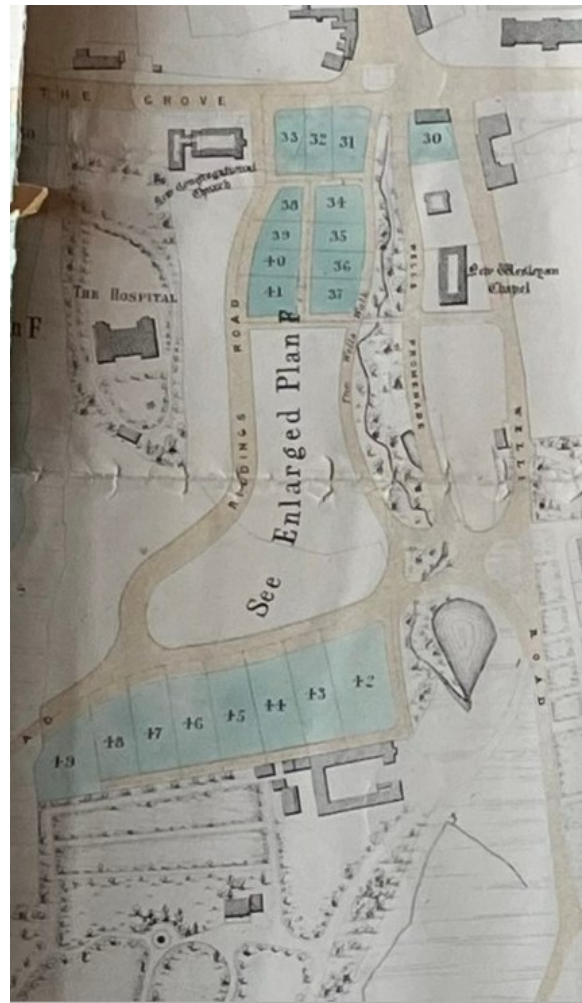
LOTS 14-28

*Lots 20 to 28, lying contiguous to the Ilkley Wells Establishment grounds, occupy elevated positions and present exceedingly eligible sites for **villa residences** commanding extended views of the Valley of the Wharfe westward, to the far-famed domains of Bolton, and north and eastwards, to the beautifully wooded parks of Myddelton, Denton and Weston.*

Congregational Church on The Grove



5 June 1867 Auction Plan



5 June 1868 Auction Plan

The original design from 1867 was altered by the time of the 1868 auction with the only lots sold in 1867 being 14, 15 and 16, for the Congregational Church. The remainder were withdrawn.

Lot 14 The corner plot of ground fronting to Green Lane and to a new road to be called Riddings Road comprising an area of 1168 square yards or thereabouts.

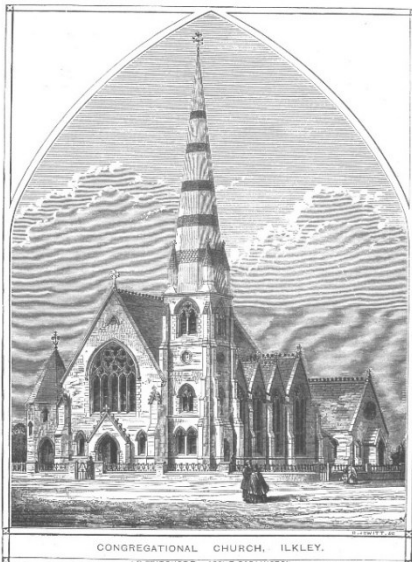
Lot 15 The plot of ground fronting to Green Lane comprising an area of 660 square yards or thereabouts.

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Lot 16 The plot of ground fronting to Green Lane comprising an area of 657 square yards or thereabouts.

Lots 14,15 and 16 SOLD (£230, £170 & £145³⁵) to John Henry Wade (Gentleman, Bradford)³⁶ (Lots 14 and 15 per Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer on June 7, 1867, and Lot 16 to Mr W Dobson, but all three seem to be on the same conveyance) with for the building of the **Congregational Church on The Grove**. The other signatories were William Byles (Newspaper Proprietor, Bradford), John Peel Clapham (Esquire, Leeds), John Arthur Clapham (Stuff Manufacturer, Bradford), William Henry Conyers (Currier, Leeds), James Duncan (Spinner Manufacturer, Otley), William Evans Glyde (Esquire, Shipley), John Hartley (Gentleman, Ilkley), John Jowett (Wool Merchant, Leeds), James Law (Stuff Merchant, Bradford), William Henry Lee (Spinner, Wakefield), Thomas Parkinson Muff (Draper, Bradford), Titus Salt the Younger (Spinner and Manufacturer, Saltaire), Selas Scott (Stuff Merchant, Bradford), George Greenwood Tetley (Stuff Merchant, Bradford), Nathan Whitley (Card maker, Halifax), James Stephen Wilson (Worsted Spinner and Stuff Manufacturer, Bradford) of the Third Part.



Lot 17 The plot of ground fronting to a new road, to be called Riddings Road comprising an area of 2618 square yards or thereabouts. – **NOT SOLD**

Lot 18 The plot of ground fronting to a new road, to be called Riddings Road comprising an area of 2402 square yards or thereabouts. – **NOT SOLD**

Lot 19 The plot of ground fronting to a new road, to be called Riddings Road comprising an area of 2044 square yards or thereabouts. – **NOT SOLD**

³⁵ Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

³⁶ Indenture dated 4 December 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol 608 Page 82 Number 89)

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Lot 20 The plot of ground fronting to a new road, to be called Riddings Road comprising an area of 3000 square yards or thereabouts. – **NOT SOLD**

Lot 21 The plot of ground fronting to a new road, to be called Riddings Road comprising an area of 2156 square yards or thereabouts. – **NOT SOLD**

Lot 22 The plot of ground fronting to a new road, to be called Riddings Road comprising an area of 2370 square yards or thereabouts. – **NOT SOLD**

Lot 23 The plot of ground fronting to a new road, to be called Riddings Road comprising an area of 2963 square yards or thereabouts. – **NOT SOLD**

Lot 24 The plot of ground fronting to a new road, to be called Riddings Road comprising an area of 2740 square yards or thereabouts. – **NOT SOLD**

Lot 25 The plot of ground fronting to a new road, to be called Riddings Road comprising an area of 2473 square yards or thereabouts. – **NOT SOLD**

Lot 26 The plot of ground fronting to a new road, to be called Riddings Road comprising an area of 3900 square yards or thereabouts. – **NOT SOLD**

Lot 27 The plot of ground fronting to a new road, to be called Riddings Road comprising an area of 4246 square yards or thereabouts. – **NOT SOLD**

Lot 28 The plot of ground fronting to a new road, to be called Riddings Road comprising an area of 4115 square yards or thereabouts. – **NOT SOLD**

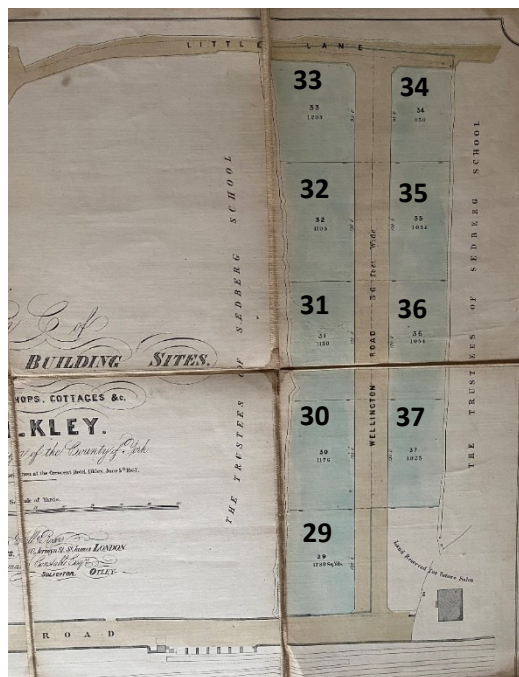
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LOTS 29-37

Lots 29 to 37 being in a central position and adjoining the railway station, offer eligible sites for builders' premises, workmen's cottages &c &c.

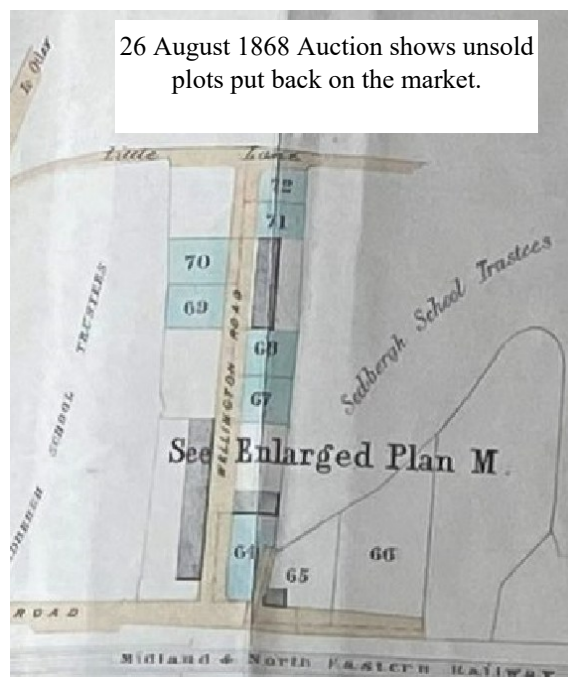
Nos. 1-25 (Nos.1 & 3 later knocked down) | Nos. 27-39 | Nos. 28-38 | No. 2 Wellington Road | 6 Little Lane



Lot 34 split into
Lot 71 & 72

Lot 32 split into
Lot 69 & 70

Lot 36 split into
Lot 67 & 68



26 August 1868 Auction shows unsold plots put back on the market.

Lot 29 The corner plot of ground, fronting to Railway Road and to a new road, to be called Wellington Road, comprising an area of 1280 square yards or thereabouts.

Lot 30 The plot of ground fronting to a new road to be called Wellington Road, comprising an area of 1176 square yards or thereabouts.

Lots 29 and 30 SOLD (£215 & £145³⁷) see also Lots 11 and 43 - Thomas Robinson, builder of Ilkley³⁸.

The style of the current terrace houses on the west side of Wellington Road, would imply that nos. 1 to 25 were built on these 2 plots. Nos. 1 & 3 were removed when the Railway Line was extended from Ilkley to Skipton.

³⁷ Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

³⁸ Conveyance dated 16 October 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol 605 Page 169 Number 204)

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Lot 31 The plot of ground fronting to a new road to be called Wellington Road, comprising an area of 1130 square yards or thereabouts.

SOLD (£125³⁹) William Dobson, Innkeeper (Station Hotel – Brook Street) Ilkley⁴⁰. Two months later William Dobson entered an Indenture (possibly a mortgage) with James Holdsworth Corn Dealer and included all the messuages or dwelling houses or buildings intended to be erected by William Dobson⁴¹.

This plot had not been built on by August 1868. The style of terraces seems to indicate that nos. 27-39 were then built on this plot after 1868.



³⁹ Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

⁴⁰ Indenture dated 16 October 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol 603 Page 295 Number 365)

⁴¹ Indenture dated 19 December 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol 603 Page 303 Number 376)

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Lot 32 The plot of ground fronting to a new road to be called Wellington Road, comprising an area of 1194 square yards or thereabouts. **NOT SOLD**

Lot 33 The corner plot of ground fronting to Little Lane and to a new road to be called Wellington Road, comprising an area of 1205 square yards or thereabouts.

SOLD (£145⁴²)— Edward Stephenson, Wheelwright of Ilkley⁴³. . The day thereafter Edward Stephenson signed a mortgage on the plot to William Stephenson, Wheelwright of Askwith⁴⁴. ‘Edward was an apprentice of William’s (they were cousins and Edward called William ‘uncle’) for five to six years and took a continued interest, such that when Edward commenced his own business William lent him money with which to purchase property on which to erect his workshop and houses.... Edward used to visit William regularly in Askwith and were great friends.’⁴⁵

This lot became 6 Little Lane.

Edward was born to Thomas and Ann Stephenson and baptised in Ilkley on 28 December 1834. In 1841 Edward is 5 and living with Thomas Stephenson a wheelwright on Town (Brook) Street aged 60 and Ann aged only 35 and a brother aged 10 called Thomas. In 1851 Edward is a lodger with Hannah Light (a 77-year-old widow and char women) in Askwith as a Wheelwright apprentice. A William Stephenson of Askwith (born in Guiseley 1804) married a Mary Light, who was Hannah Light’s daughter in 1832. This must have been when Edward was apprenticed to William. In 1857 Edward married Elizabeth Wharton from Denton. Thomas Stephenson is listed as Edward’s deceased father. In 1861 Edward (26) was a Joiner and Wheelwright living on Ewe Croft Terrace, with his wife Elizabeth and 2 children with his sister-in-law Caroline Wharton (11) from Denton listed as a nurse.

Edward Stephenson is listed as the occupant of House and Workshops along with John Pattison on Lot 11 in the 5th July 1868 Middleton sale. This Lot is where Seales Carpet Shop is today – which has a date stamp of 1878. The Sale map 5th July 1868 Lots 11-19, lists Stephensons and a few others – a “small community”!

The 1871 census does not include street addresses; however, Edward is described as a Joiner and Builder, implying that through the purchase of this plot he had moved beyond just being a Wheelwright. In 1881 census Edward Stephenson is residing in the first property listed on Wellington Road, as a Joiner employing 3 men and 2 boys, with wife Elizabeth and 5 children.

Edward Stephenson was responsible for the Carpenters’ and Joiners’ work at Semon Mount Convalescent Home - Bradford Observer June 12, 1875. In 1880 served on the Ilkley Local Board. William Stephenson of Askwith died 9 Jan 1885 and one of his Executors was Edward. In a court case reported in the Wharfedale and Airedale Observer on 10 Feb 1893 about the residual of William’s estate it details that William died with no issue but leaving a widow who died 15 Feb 1891. One of the ten named beneficiaries to the residual of William’s estate was a niece, Elizabeth Stephenson.

⁴² Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

⁴³ Indenture dated 2 October 1867. (WYA – 1867 Vol ZW Page 703 Number 842)

⁴⁴ Indenture dated 3 October 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol ZW Page 705 Number 843)

⁴⁵ Wharfedale and Airedale Observer on 10 Feb 1893

WILLIAM MIDDLETON LAND SALES

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5TH JUNE 1867

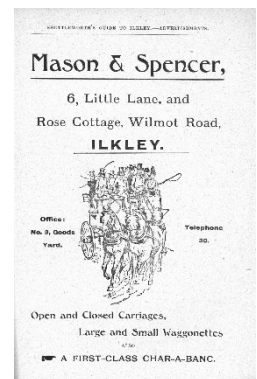
After four years Edward, the sole living trustee had not identified a niece Elizabeth and surprised everyone by asserting that it was his Wife. A Walter Stephenson claimed it was in fact his sister Elizabeth. After various arguments the judge concluded that Edward's wife was not the legatee and that intestacy rules should apply to the unclaimed 10th share, costs awarded against Edward. Edward was given the right to appeal within 14 days – No report of the appeal yet found.



Wharfedale & Airedale Observer
October 16, 1896

By 1891 Edward is Master Joiner and Builder still on Wellington Road. Edwards property was put up for auction in 1896. By 1901 Edward has left Wellington Road for 4 Sunset View and by 1911 he is living at 4 Alexander Crescent, where he was still living in 1921, with his son George aged 56, who was working as a Joiner for Edwin Eagle on Nelson Road and his daughter Hannah (40) a boarder and 2 visitors. Edward died in 1922 and was buried in Ilkley Cemetery on 22 May.

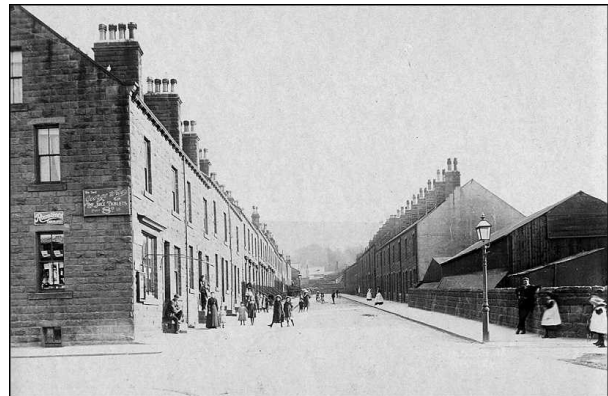
Joseph Fisher Mason (aged 48 Coal Merchant) is living at 6 Little Lane, by the 1901 Census with his wife Francis Mary (aged 46). The 1901 Kellys Directory has both Edward Stephenson and Sons,



Joiners and Builders on Little Lane and a Mason & Spencer Coal Merchants at 3 Station Yard and Little Lane. James Spencer (48) was at this time living at 6 Wilmot Road as Coal Merchant with wife Emma (48) and son Charles (9). The 1901 Robinsons Directory lists J.F. Mason Coal Merchant and Cab proprietor on Little Lane.

The 1904 Robinsons Directory lists J.F. Mason (Mason & Spencer) Coal Merchant and Cab proprietor at the Little Lane site.

In 1908 the Mason and Spencer partnership was being dissolved. The 1908 Kellys and 1909 Robinsons Directories lists James Spencer and Sons, Coal Merchants and cap proprietors at 6 Little Lane and Cowpasture Road. This would suggest that James Spencer bought out his partner.



Wellington Road Circa 1905, showing 6 Little Lane (Lot 33) on the right and the back to backs that were part of the 1868 sale on the left.

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On WEDNESDAY NEXT, January 29th, 1908.
LITTLE LANE, ILKLEY.
MESSRS. DACRE & SON
Are favoured with instructions from Messrs. Mason and Spencer (who are dissolving partnership) to **SELL BY AUCTION** 10 valuable Harness Horses, 5 Landaus, 3 chaise-a-banc, 2 Victorias, 2 Waggonettes, Dog Cart, 6 Broad and narrow-wheeled Carts, and spring waggons. A large quantity of Harness, Gears, and Stable Requisites.
Sale at 11 a.m.
Full particulars in catalogues which may be obtained from the Auctioneers, Station Road, Otley and Ilkley. 1650

Wharfedale & Airedale Observer Jan 24, 1908

RIDING ACCIDENT.—An accident occurred on Wednesday evening about nine p.m., near the Lister's Arms, when Charles Spencer, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. James Spencer, cab proprietor, Ilkley, was thrown from a horse which he was bringing from the "Territorials" practice in Easby Drive. The horse reared twice, and then fell backwards upon the rider. He was taken home on a stretcher, and Dr. Hearder was called in, but fortunately the injuries were not found to be so serious as was at first feared. He was suffering from a few cuts and bruises, and a slight internal injury.

Wharfedale & Airedale Observer June 12, 1908

Along with Cecil Wellen (son-in-law aged 35, labourer at Gas Works, Ilkley), Florence (daughter aged 41) and Phyllis their daughter aged 6.

FOR SALE, 35 young PIGS, varying from 9 to 14 weeks old. — Spencer, Little Lane, Ilkley. 112p

Shipley Times and Express November 9, 1923

As well as a Coal merchant the Spencers clearly kept pigs in 1923!

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Emma Maria Spencer died in 1926, and Edwin Charles married Florence Hope in 1928 and moved to Skipton. Hence around 1927/28 Tipping and Lee, Estate Agents and Coal Merchants took over 6 Little Lane. The estate agents operated from 16 Brook Street (Today the Unique Barbers)

In 1921 Samuel Tipping was a lodger at 38 Nelson Road, with the Schofields working as a bookkeeper for Arthur Baynes Auctioner on The Grove.

Samuel and Alice Tipping had 4 children. Philip Allen (1925-1946), John G (1927-2017), Betty Joan (1929-2003) and Samuel

Reginald (1939-2008). Philip died at the Military Hospital in Chennai 23 July 1946. John G in 2005-6 was living at Flat 2, 1, Tarn Villas, Cow Pasture Road. Betty married Whatmore Hodgson Stafford and moved to New Zealand. Samuel Reginald was living on 17 Sunset Drive 2003-8.

In the 1939 register for 6 Little Lane, Samuel (b. 30 Mar 1895) was Managing Director – House Agents and Coal Dealer as well as being a Special Constable (Ilkley) with his wife Alice (nee Beardsley b. 2 Sep 1896) and John Gordon Tipping (Jack b. 29 May 1927)

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Tipping & Lee coal merchants had a house and yard there. At the top of the road was a railway siding with "alcoves" where the train wagons would drop coal to be bagged and delivered. – Ian Partner – Facebook, Ilkley Memories March 2023

The house with the man outside (Top Left) is where Sam Tipping lived. Jim Thackeray Ilkley Memories Jan 2018. Remember Rex Tipping living there and when walking past could hear the song green door what's that secret your keeping being played very loud! – Michael Brook - Ilkley Memories Jan 2018

Tipping and Lee used to build and race stock cars remember spending loads of time with him in the garage as a kid – Eric Chapman - Facebook, Ilkley Memories March 2023. That was Jack Tipping, when I worked for Ernest Ware, we used to do all his welding on the car, I remember welding a tv antenna on the roof he named it 'gravel gerty'. Tony Smith - Facebook, Ilkley Memories March 2023

"The legendary Ledgard's bus company operated services on popular routes in the area between 1902s and the 1960s. Crowds of bank holiday visitors would queue in New Brook Street to head back home to nearby towns on the famous blue and cream buses. When not in service the vehicles ending their runs in Ilkley were kept in the Nelson Road depot off Little Lane. Ledgard's was eventually absorbed into the West Yorkshire Road car Co. in the 1960's. The Nelson Road garage survived until 1982 when it was demolished to make way for housing. However, a small portion of the brick building remains, as a perimeter wall of a parking area." - Mark Hunnebell's Secret Ilkley

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It was sold to Ilkley UDC (about 1967) for utility vehicles to be stored and serviced. The little cabin against the white wall was where SL staff rested and cashed in etc. - There were only seven crews at Ilkley depot – Chris Youhill Ilkley Memories Jan 2018 who along with Ken Walker worked on the Ledgards Crew.

Lot 34 The corner plot of ground fronting to Little Lane and to a new road to be called Wellington Road, comprising an area of 930 square yards or thereabouts. **NOT SOLD**

Lot 35 The plot of ground fronting to a new road to be called Wellington Road, comprising an area of 1054 square yards or thereabouts.

SOLD The Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer on June 7 1867, showed this plot as unsold, however a memorialisation of a sale of the land to William Hardisty of Ilkley⁴⁶, indicates it was post auction. Interestingly Thomas Robinson the builder who purchased Plots 29 and 30 witnessed William Hardisty's signature.

This plot had been built on by August 1868 and again by the style of terrace it appears that these were nos. 28-38 Wellington Street.



Lot 36 The plot of ground fronting to a new road to be called Wellington Road, comprising an area of 1054 square yards or thereabouts. **NOT SOLD**

Lot 37 The plot of ground fronting to a new road to be called Wellington Road, comprising an area of 1023 square yards or thereabouts.

SOLD (£115⁴⁷) William Hartley, Joiner and Builder Ilkley⁴⁸. . The plot had a building erected by 1868 and today this is nos.2, 2a and 2b Wellington Road. In 1990 the workshop and store were converted into 2 cottages. The auction of lands in August 1868 included Lot 64 immediately south of what William Hartley purchased in 1867 and was purchased by him⁴⁹. This land became attached to 2 Wellington Road and today has the newish houses that front Railway Road

1871-84/91

⁴⁶ Indenture dated 16 October 1867. (WYA – 1867 Vol ZX Page 167 Number 203)

⁴⁷ Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

⁴⁸ Indenture dated 2 October 1867. (WYA – 1867 Vol ZX Page 405 Number 479)

⁴⁹ Indenture dated 9 January 1869. (WYA – 1869 Vol 622 Page 285. Number 324)

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William Hartley Joiner and Builder is listed in trade directories in 1877, 1881 and 1884 as located in Wellington Road. If I have the correct William Hartley, 1871 – no street names given in census, but listed as Joiner employing 6 men and 3 boys. In the 1881 Census he is the first listed on Wellington Road, once turning off Railway Road – inference is he lived and worked at no. 2. By 1891 he had moved to Fern Nook (referred to as Hill Top Fern Nook next to Hill Top Farm and before Westwood Lodge) with wife Elizabeth and Niece Laura Davis. In 1901 still at Fern Nook, was a widow aged 70 – retired joiner and living with his 20-year-old adopted daughter Laura L Davies and a servant. Fern Nook was between the Leeds Holiday Home and Westwood Lodge in 1901 Census. He died in 1907 and residence is listed as Fern Nook – probate to William Watson and William Cowling. He was married to Elizabeth Hainsworth from Burley Woodhead. William was born 25 Sept 1830 in Bingley/Morton. Fern Nook is called Corner Cottage today.



1884/91-1895 Francis Green, Coal, Lime, Hay and Corn Merchant [*census*] | John Green – Coal Merchant [*Trade Directories*].

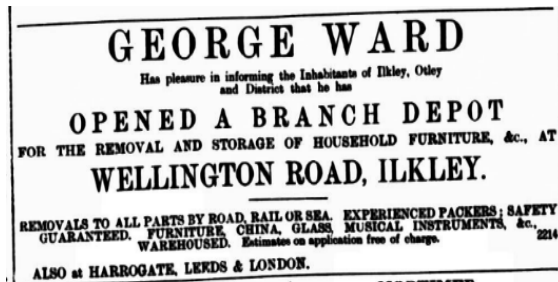
1895 Edward Knowles [*Electoral Register*]

1896-99 John Paley [*Electoral Register*]

1899-1905 George Ward – Furniture Remover operated from 2 Wellington Road | Charles Frederick Lawrence – Manager was listed as occupying the property on Electoral Registers and 1901 Census.

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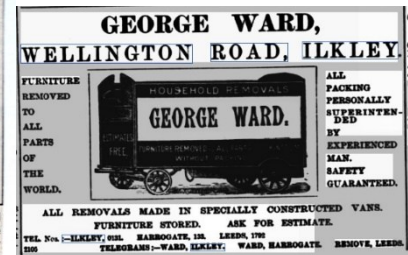
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Wharfedale & Airedale Observer June 30, 1899



IF residents wanted furniture removing in Ilkley during the last century then George Ward was one of the men they turned to. His firm, which also operated in Leeds and Harrogate, was established in 1851. His vans and a mighty traction engine are pictured in Little Lane outside Victoria Hall, Ilkley, at the turn of the century. Today the hall is used by Andrew Hartley for his auctions which include those for fine arts and Victorian and later furnishings. Picture provided by Mrs Betty Walker, of Ilkley Road, Sandbeds, Addingham.



Wharfedale & Airedale Observer December 1, 1905

1906-15

FIRE IN LITTLE LANE.—A little excitement was caused in Ilkley on Monday morning, when the Fire Brigade was called out to attend an outbreak of fire on the premises occupied by Messrs. Wm. Broadbent and Co., as a furniture repository, in Little Lane, the property of Messrs. I. Dean and Sons. An over-heated gas stove had set fire to the floor boards and joists, but the brigade, by their timely arrival succeeded in extinguishing the outbreak before any damage was done to the stock.

Wharfedale & Airedale Observer March 6, 1908

Wm Broadbent & Co. Ltd. – Removal & storage Contractors (he lived on site). In 1912 he's also at Victoria Hall, Leeds Road & Wells Road. In 1911 Cass Brownbridge was listed as resident and employed Wagoner, Furniture Remover, also resident in the 1915 Electoral Register.

1918-73

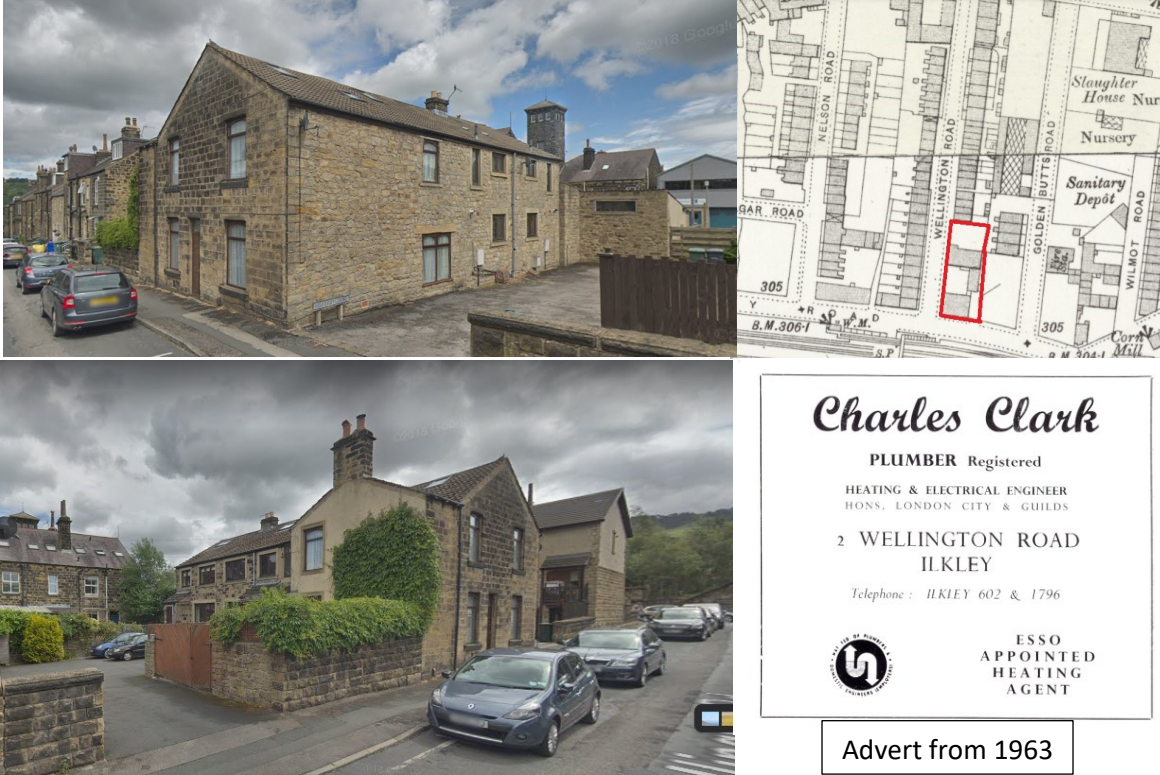
Between 1915 and 1918 Charles Herbert Clark and Mary Clark moved from 14 Wellington Road to 2 Wellington Road [per Electoral Registers]. In 1911 Charles Herbert (29, b. Boston, Lincs) Window Cleaner, with wife Mary (27, b. Barnard Castle, Durham), son Charles Clark (2) and daughter Connie (7 months) resided at 14 Wellington Road with mother-in-law Selvina Suddick (69 widow from Belfast).

In 1921 Charles Herbert Clark – Window Cleaner, living with Wife Mary (nee Logan married 30 Mar 1907 in St Margaret's) a seamstress, son Charles and daughter Connie at living at 2 Wellington Road. Charles Herbert died in 1934 and was buried in Ilkley Cemetery

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1939 Register - Mary Clark (b. 25 Apr 1883) Widow, Part time Charwomen, Charles Clark (b.5 Jun 1908) – Plumber and Electrician and Clarrie Clark (b. 3 Nov 1908) (his wife) – Hairdresser



Mary Clark died in 1964 and is also buried in Ilkley Cemetery.

A Forest and Sons, Haulage Contractors rented the yard & garages above Charlie Clarke's house for many years. Arthur, Eddie and Walter Forest all lived on Wellington Road.

As well as the plumbing business Charlie built a string of garages in the yard which he let out and a showroom in Railway road.

'I started working for Charlie – first job- when I left school 1963 app plumber with Joe Wilkinson and Frank White. Cold winter walk round Ilkley with Frank repairing all the outdoor toilets then back to café for a pot tea.' Graham Burns Ilkley Memories 10 March 2023.



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Charlie and Clarrie Clark died within 2 weeks of each other in 1973. Peter Lister married Susan Clark, Charlie Clark's daughter and ran a car body shop from Wellington Road and there were garages to rent out where the new houses are today.

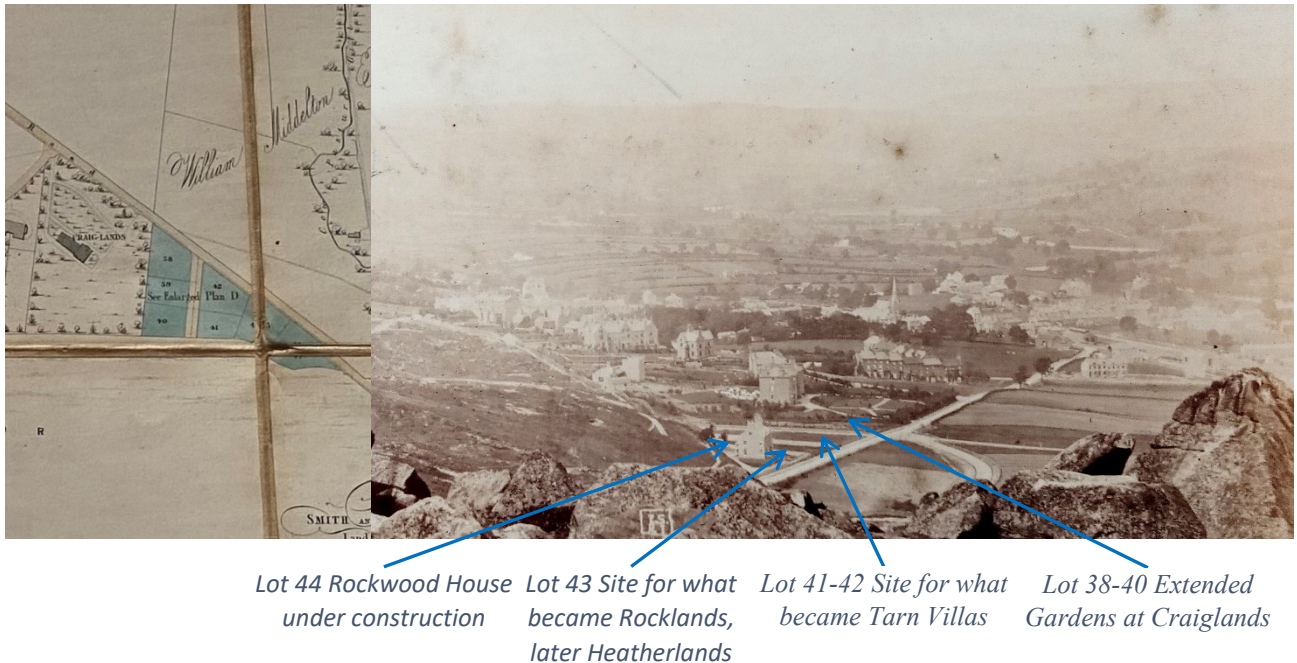
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LOTS 38-44

*Lots 38 to 44 adjoin the Craigland Grounds and Ilkley Moors, and present very eligible sites for **Villa residences**, commanding views of Ben Rhydding, Denton, Weston eastwards and the valley of the Wharfe, Middleton Woods &c northwards.*

Additional Gardens for Craiglands | Tarn Villas | Rocklands / Heatherlands | Rockwood House



Lot 38 The corner plot of ground fronting Cow Pasture Road and to an intended new road to be called Craig Lands Road, comprising an area of 2105 square yards or thereabouts.

Lot 39 The plot of ground fronting to an intended new road to be called Craig Lands Road, comprising an area of 1380 square yards or thereabouts.

Lot 40 The plot of ground fronting to an intended new road to be called Craig Lands Road, comprising an area of 1720 square yards or thereabouts.

Lots 38, 39 and 40 SOLD (£265, £185 & £230⁵⁰) to John and Hezekiah Dobson, lodging house keepers⁵¹.

John and Hezekiah were the brothers of Michael Dobson who built Craiglands but had died in 1864. They were executors to Michael's will which had a resworn probate in 1866. Craiglands was part owned and fully managed by Jabez Dobson, Michael's son after 1866 and in 1892 he became sole owner. In 1906 Jabez retired and sold the concern to the Craiglands Hydro Limited company, becoming Chairman until he died in 1927.

⁵⁰ Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

⁵¹ Indenture dated 2 October 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol ZU Page 520 Number 701)

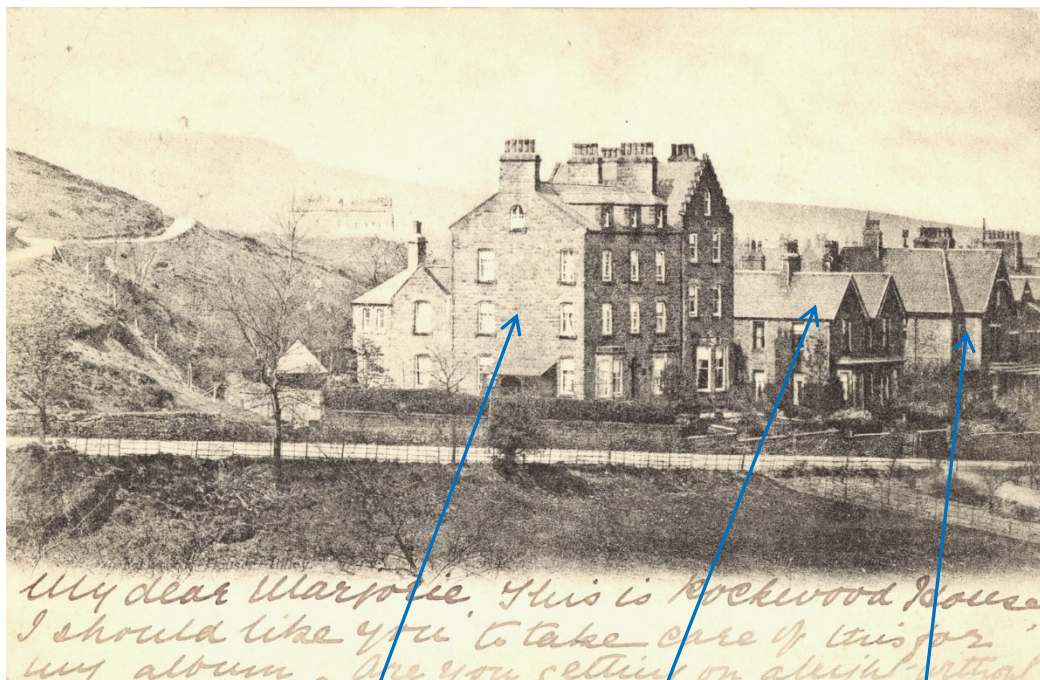
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W. Scott, Photo.

A GARDEN AND MOORLAND VIEW FROM THE HOUSE.

The purchased land became the extended gardens for the Hydro as partly seen in the view above and today they are the new build houses on the eastern side of Craiglands.



From left to right Lot 44 (Rockwood House), Lot 43 (Rocklands) and Lot 42-41 (Tarn Villas)

Lot 41 The plot of ground fronting to an intended new road to be called “Craiglands Road”, comprising an area of 1327 square yards or thereabouts.

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Lot 42 The corner plot of ground fronting Cow Pasture Road and to an intended new road to be called “Craiglands Road”, comprising an area of 2020 square yards or thereabouts.

Lots 41 and 42 SOLD (£200 & £250⁵²) Thomas Clapham, Gentleman of Headingley cum Burley.⁵³

These Plots are where Tarn Villas are now located. In 1874 there is a planning application made by Mr George Newbould for 4 houses at Tarn Villa’s Cowpasture Road⁵⁴. In 1877 Mr Newbould was living at Oak Mount, Albany Walk.

Lot 43 The plot of ground fronting Cow Pasture Road, comprising an area of 1345 square yards or thereabouts.

SOLD (£205⁵⁵) Thomas Robinson, builder of Ilkley⁵⁶. see also Lot 11 -

This plot became Rocklands before being renamed Heatherlands. Rocklands started life as a Hydropathic Institution, even being mentioned in Christian World September 7, 1882. Mark Robinson was at Rocklands in 1885.

⁵² Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

⁵³ Indenture dated 28 October 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol XY Page 736 Number 848)

⁵⁴ 6 November 1874 (WYA BMT-IL-6-1-1 no. 43)

⁵⁵ Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

⁵⁶ Indenture dated 16 October 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol 605 Page 169 Number 204)

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In 1934 the property was acquired by the Youth Hostel Association.

The latest hostel, and one that promises to be the best-equipped of the whole group, is situated near Ilkley, the gateway to Wharfedale. When it is open, this hostel will have sleeping accommodation for nearly 50 young men and women. It might be described as luxurious, for there will be shower baths for the men, which is more than many hotels provide for their guests. There will be facilities for cooking by gas and oil stoves, and every convenience for washing.

An Important Acquisition.

The Ilkley hostel is appropriately named Rocklands, for it is situated not far from the Cow and Calf rocks, and the back garden gate opens on to the moor immortalised in the famous song. And Rocklands is within easy access of either Leeds or Bradford—indeed, after expending a few pence on a tram ride from either city, the hiker can walk to Rocklands by pleasant and devious routes.

Youth Hostel Association Easter Article in Yorkshire
Evening Post March 23, 1934

WEST RIDING YOUTH HOSTEL CHANGES.

The youth hostel at Rocklands, Ilkley, which was closed at Christmas on account of the sudden death of Mr. McAleer, the Warden, has been re-opened. Mrs. McAleer is to continue as Warden and bookings should be sent to her.

The hostel at High Greenwood House, near Hebden Bridge has been closed. The recently opened hostel at Low Farm, Wainstalls, Luddenden Dene, near Halifax is in the same vicinity.

Leeds Mercury January 17, 1935

First day of a seven-day cycling tour described in
Manchester Evening News

September 1, 1939 Leeds Mercury January 17, 1935

YORKSHIRE forms the subject of to-day's notes on a week's Youth Hostel tour.

FIRST DAY.—Leave Manchester by Oldham Road (A62) and ride via Falsworth, Hollinwood, Oldham, continue with A62 to outskirts of town, branch left with A672, Denishaw, then over the moors (still A672) to Rishworth, Ripponden, Sowerby Bridge, left Sowerby, right Mytholmroyd, join Halifax road (A646), turning left to Hebden Bridge, right to Oxenhope, Haworth, Keighley, right (A650) Riddiessden, left over Morton and Ilkley Moor to Ilkley. Distance 44 miles.

Hostel is Rocklands, Cowpasture Road, Ilkley, and is situated on the

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By "A. M."

edge of the Moor, half-mile south-east of the station on the road to the Cow and Calf Rocks.

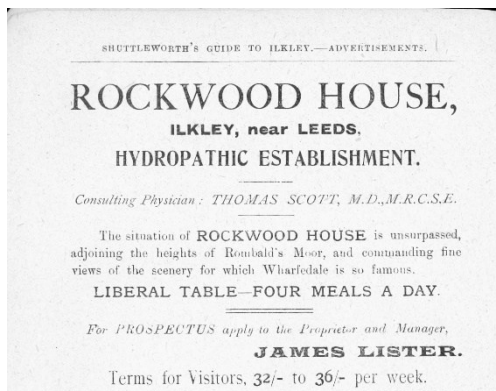
Lot 44 The plot of ground fronting Cow Pasture Road, comprising an area of 1425 square yards or thereabouts.

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SOLD (£205⁵⁷) – Thomas Lister, Blacksmith of Wheatley⁵⁸.

This lot became Rockwood House, whose proprietor was James Lister in 1881. “A hydropathic establishment recently enlarged on an extensive scale, introducing all the latest improvements for the comfort both of invalids and visitors; the bathing arrangements are complete with conveniences for every kind of hydropathic treatment: the house is sheltered by and adjoins the heights of Rombalds Moor.” – 1881 *Kellys Directory*



Advert circa 1903

1861 Thomas Lister, Blacksmith, Ilkley aged 38 married to Agnes (maiden name Hannay, married 1 Apr 1850) (40) from Scotland with children James (9, born in Crossmichael Village, Castle Douglas Scotland), John (8), Elizabeth (7).

Thomas died 26 Sep 1868, shortly after purchasing this lot leaving his assets to Agnes during her widowhood. In 1871 Agnes is an Annuitant living in Ilkley with her sister Sarah (aged 47). James Lister in 1871 is also in Ilkley as a Waiter. Agnes probably died in Q4 1875, and hence Thomas's estate would pass to James.

On 25 Dec 1875 James married Eliza Butterfield. 1881 James Lister is the Rockwood House Hydropathic Establishment proprietor with his wife and children Herbert H (4), James B (2), and Elizabeth (6mths) along with 1 servant and 12 visitors.

James remained at Rockwood until at least 1911, however in 1921 he is a widower and border along with son Robert, daughter Elizabeth and Annie Butterfield (sister-in-law maybe) at 3 Tower Buildings, Ilkley run by the widow Emma Garside. James and his son, Robert, are employed by Arthur Croft at The Picture House on the Grove.

James died in 1937 aged 85 and was buried in Ilkley Cemetery.

⁵⁷ Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer June 7, 1867

⁵⁸ Indenture dated 2 October 1867 (WYA – 1867 Vol ZX Page 438 Number 520)